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*'Seed bed' has produced many men of God*

## Sesquicentennial celebrates an Immaculate milestone

BY MSGR. ROBERT COLEMAN  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

As time goes by and I get older, I think more about the passage of time. How often I find myself remembering those dear ones who have gone before me in faith. As a priest I think especially of the many clerics whom I have known since I was young. Some have gone to the Lord and others are still ministering to God's people throughout the archdiocese. The passage of time can easily make all of us feel old and out of step with the rest of people.

No one ever wants to be considered "dated" because this would imply that the person is "outdated." Yet the passage of time is extremely significant in the life of each of us. Think of the fact that everything is dated from the moment of the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem and that we live in the year 2010 because of the mystery of His Incarnation. So, being dated is not necessarily a bad thing at all. For Immaculate Conception Seminary, located in South Orange, 2010 is a signifi-

cant year because it opens the sesquicentennial celebration of our founding by the first Bishop of Newark, James Roosevelt Bayley. The seminary has reached the extraordinary milestone of having existed for 150 years and this certainly does not make the seminary outdated, but all the more relevant to our day.

There are a number of times in the course of any seminary year when we are especially conscious of milestones. Only a few months ago we witnessed the ordinations of deacons and priests in the Archdiocese of Newark. These are truly milestones in the lives of many of the men at the seminary and they will remember well the date of the year that they were ordained.

For the men who were just ordained priests, that wondrous day of priestly ordination must have come after what seemed to be several lifetimes. They have already left us now and are stationed in their parishes. We already miss them and pray



for them and hope that they will find that unsurpassable joy in the priesthood, like the man in the Gospel who sold all he had to buy the field where the treasure was buried or the merchant who sold everything he had to enable him to buy "the pearl of great price."

In a little book with the English title, "Milestones," Joseph Ratzinger recalls the events of the first 50 years of his life from 1927 to 1977. He remembers vividly the day of his priestly ordination, the day of his first Mass and the days that followed. All these things he shared with his brother who was ordained together with him. He wrote these words: "We were invited to bring the first blessing into people's homes, and everywhere, we were received, even by total strangers, with a warmth and affection I had not thought possible until that day. In this way I learned, firsthand, how earnestly people wait for a priest, how much they long for the blessing that flows from the power of the sacrament. The point was not my own or my brother's person. What could we two young men represent all by ourselves to the many people we were now meeting? In us they saw persons who had been touched by Christ's mission and had been empowered to bring His nearness to men. Precisely because we ourselves were not the point, a friendly human relationship could develop very quickly."

We pray that this joy and wonder and blessing will be with the new priests as they have gone forth from here into their parishes.

The new deacons also have experienced the excitement of exercising their diaconal ministry in the parishes in the summer months and they will continue to do so each weekend during the school year. Already they have learned that the necessary focus of their ministry must be Christ who told us that He came to serve and not to be served. And they have learned that as they return to the seminary this year, they must become the real leaders and examples for their brother seminarians.

For some of the men here, today is the date of the midpoint in their time at the seminary. We hope they have realized that time moves quickly and that they need to enter more seriously and more deeply into their work of allowing themselves to be formed by God for the work He will assign them to accomplish in the priesthood.

Some of the men might erroneously think that they have all the time in the world, plenty of time to get serious about priestly formation. They will come to know that as the Apostle Paul says: "Now is the time." Their years in this "seed bed," which is the real meaning of the word "seminary," must produce real growth in order for them to go out from here as mature and dedicated priests. It's as simple as this: if they seek to live for their own pleasure and purposes, they will not find happiness or joy in the priesthood.

So very often, seminarians recognize the milestones in their lives. Yet as we mark off the time on our calendars, there are those things which have to remain constant in the training of future priests. Pope Benedict XVI brings this point to our attention in his last message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations which focuses on the idea that witness awakens vocations. The Holy Father clearly states that the fruitfulness of the work of promoting vocations depends first of all on God's free action, yet this is helped by the quality and the depth of the witness of the priests who have already answered the Lord's call. The testimony of their priestly life can awaken in others a desire to answer the call of Christ with generous hearts. The pope makes use of three aspects of the life of a priest which he believes are absolutely necessary for the priest to be an effective witness. These three aspects of priestly life are at the core of the priestly formation here at the seminary.

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Advocate photo – Melissa McNally  
Bas-relief sculpture of Jesus outside of Immaculate Conception's chapel serves as a beacon to welcome and inspire seminarians on their journey to the priesthood.



# Paterson Diocese dedicates evangelization facility

BY MICHAEL WOJCICK

Special to The Catholic Advocate

MADISON—It was a picture-perfect Sunday on Sept. 19 when the faith community of the Paterson Diocese basked in the afternoon sun and Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli dedicated Saint Paul Inside the Walls, the Catholic Center for Evangelization at Bayley-Ellard.

The landmark center will train Catholics to spread the Good News of the Gospel and invite people back to the Church. The

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—Bishop Arthur Serratelli

new center stands as a landmark—not only as the first facility of its size and scope in the diocese, but also throughout the United States.

The facility, meticulously renovated from the stately mansion at the former Bayley-Ellard High School, which closed in 2005, will serve as a dynamic center alive with evangelization activity. Saint Paul Inside the Walls will offer monthly sessions for educators—conducted by John Eriksen, school superintendent, and Father Paul Manning, vicar for education (both of the Paterson Diocese)—that will focus on bringing faith into the classroom.

Staff members will conduct campus ministry at Farleigh Dickinson University and Drew University. The handicapped-accessible center also will host meetings for parish evangelization coordinators and deacons and Bishop Serratelli's monthly gatherings with priests.

"This evangelization center will assist in the fulfillment of our

baptismal vocation, as Christ commanded, 'Go forth and make disciples of all people and baptize all nations,' which he directed to everyone in the Church," Bishop Serratelli said.

Two years ago Bishop Serratelli appointed Father Geno Sylva—the vicar for evangelization for the Paterson Diocese—to head the project and serve as director of the evangelization center.

Saint Paul Inside the Walls has introduced 43 training and outreach programs, designed to welcome back inactive Catholics, deepen the spirituality of faithful churchgoers and inspire the faith community to be more involved in parish life.

For information about Saint Paul Inside the Walls and its programs, call (973) 377-1004 or visit the evangelization center's Web site ([www.insidethewalls.org](http://www.insidethewalls.org)).

(Editor's note: Michael Wojcik is the news editor of The Beacon, the newspaper of the Paterson Diocese.)



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Father Geno Sylva (left), the Paterson Diocese's vicar for evangelization, speaks at the dedication ceremony of Saint Paul Inside the Walls. Bishop Arthur Serratelli (center) also is pictured at the event.

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Archbishop John J. Myers has announced the following appointments:

### ARCHDIOCESAN AGENCY/MINISTRY

**Very Reverend Michael G. Ward, V.F.,** Pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish, Kearny, was appointed a Consultor of the Archdiocese of Newark for a five-year term effective Oct. 1.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Nazareno Orlandi,** Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Lyndhurst, has had his pastorate extended for one more year ending Jan. 31, 2012.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Gerard J. Graziano,** Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Hackensack, has had his pastorate extended for one more year ending Jan. 31, 2012.

### PASTOR

**Reverend Alexander M. Santora,** Pastor of Our Lady of Grace/Saint Joseph Parish, Hoboken, has had his pastorate extended ending July 1, 2014.

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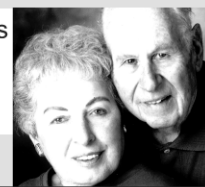
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## World Mission Sunday focuses on global outreach

NEWARK—This year's annual World Mission Sunday collection, which funds the international missions of the Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith in Rome, will take place on Sunday, Oct. 24.

Proceeds from the Oct. 24 collection are sent to the national office of the Propagation of the Faith, which ultimately decides how the money will be distributed to missionaries worldwide based on prioritized needs.

Although the local faithful are not immune to the nation's economic downturn themselves, this year's World Mission Sunday message still rings loud and true to everyone: the dire needs of the world's abject poor continue unabated.

This past year, the archdiocesan office of the Pontifical Mission Societies has received many appeals from bishops and local superiors of religious communities in Africa and India asking for assistance in running their religious orders and dioc-



ses. Close behind are requests from South America.

Over 1,000 mission dioceses around the world are financially dependant for sustenance on funds collected by the Pontifical Mission Societies and especially funds raised on World Mission Sunday. Funds are used for such vital aspects of diocesan life as maintenance of church and school buildings, catechesis and priests' salaries.

The Pontifical Mission Societies comprises four entities: The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, The Society of Saint Peter the Apostle, the Holy Childhood Association and the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. Each group has a different emphasis and is supported at the diocesan level throughout the world.

The Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the principal support group of the mission Church. Last year the Archdiocese of Newark provided \$1.8 million for the society's work. In 2009 the archdiocese donated

\$12,444 to the Society of Saint Peter, which directly supports mission seminaries and houses of priestly formation.

Through the Holy Childhood Association, the operation charged with helping children develop a mission sense, students in archdiocesan schools in 2009 donated \$44,906.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association is a papal agency of humanitarian and pastoral support for Catholics of Oriental Rites in countries of the Middle East.

Pope Pius XI established

World Mission Sunday in 1926. The national Pontifical Mission Societies office, headquartered in New York, exists solely to serve the Universal Church. None of the funds taken in on World Mission Sunday are used domestically.

Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Fuhrman, the former pastor of Saint Gabriel the Archangel Parish, Saddle River, was installed July 1 at the assistant national director of the Pontifical Mission Societies (see *The Catholic Advocate*, July 14, 2010).

## EFNN drive hopes to feed hungry kids

NEWARK—The Catholic Charities Emergency Food and Nutrition Network (EFNN) is conducting its 26th annual "Harvest of Hope Food Drive," which spans the Thanksgiving holiday season.

The food drive, which began Oct. 1 and runs through Dec. 12, invites archdiocesan parishes to respond to those in need, especially the working poor, the elderly and children living in poverty.

The EFNN is seeking canned goods and non-perishable food items for the drive. Arrangements can be made for the EFNN van to pick up the food donations by calling (973) 266-7941. Sharon Reilly-Tobin is the director of EFNN, which is based in East Orange.

Catherine L'Insalata, Catholic Charities division director, said the 75 food pantries throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark have reported a dramatic increase in the number of people seeking assistance due to the high unemployment levels throughout the region.

A faith community's participation in the Harvest of Hope "can make an important difference to the many families struggling to make ends meet," L'Insalata said. "Since 1984, Catholic Charities' EFNN has provided a lifeline to the hungry. Last year we were able to assist over 45,150 people."



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Find additional materials for World Mission Sunday in English and Spanish at [www.iamamissionary.org](http://www.iamamissionary.org).

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# Cardinal DiNardo supports 'vigil for life'

WASHINGTON—In a statement to mark Respect Life Month, October 2010, Cardinal Daniel DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, who chairs the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), addressed direct threats to human life and called Catholics to “constantly witness to the inestimable worth and dignity of each human life through a loving concern for the good of others.”

Cardinal DiNardo also encouraged participation in the worldwide "Vigil for All Nascent Human Life" called for by Pope Benedict XVI at the start of Advent.

In his statement, the cardinal noted populations particularly at risk: millions of unborn children in the womb, embryonic human be-

ings destroyed "in the name of science," and seriously ill patients under threat from a renewed campaign for legalizing physician-assisted suicide.

“The loss of even one child, and the pain experienced by the child’s mother and father in the aftermath of abortion, should impel us to redouble our efforts to end legal abortion,” Cardinal DiNardo said. He stressed the need “to ensure that every pregnant woman has whatever help she needs to turn away from this heartbreaking choice.”

In the Archdiocese of Newark, Father John S. Grimm, J.D., assistant professor of Moral Theology at Seton Hall University's (SHU) School of Theology, South Orange, was the keynote speaker for the annual Life Issues

seminar, held Oct. 2 at Queen of Peace High School and Parish, North Arlington (see photo on page 12). The archdiocesan Respect Life Office Pro Life Commission sponsor the annual Life Issues lecture series. Father Joseph Meagher, parochial vicar of Saint John the Baptist Parish,

Jersey City, serves as the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office.

Begun in 1972, the USCCB's Respect Life program stresses the value and dignity of human life. It is observed in the 195 Catholic dioceses in the United States. This year's theme is "The

# Bishops hoist warning flag as Haitian children suffer

WASHINGTON—Archbishop Thomas Wenski of Miami, head of the U. S. bishops' special task force on Haiti, unveiled the report "The Displaced of Haiti: Long-Term Challenges and Needed Solutions" during the USCCB's recent mission to Haiti, the Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas.

“Haiti is still in a fragile state,” Archbishop Wenski said. “Nearly nine months after the earthquake, 1.3 million persons remain homeless, living in tent camps, and clean-up and reconstruction efforts proceed at a very slow pace. Despite the outpouring of support from the international community in the aftermath of the disaster, attention to the long-term recovery of Haiti has begun to lag.”

The U.S. bishops' delegation found the plea of Haitian children especially troublesome. Todd Scribner, USCCB migration and refugee services education coordinator, said thousands of Haitian children live in hundreds of orphanages or child-care centers in and around Port-au-Prince and are vulnerable to exploitation. Scribner said there is evidence that Haitian children are being trafficked into the Dominican Republic to work in agriculture.

“There is no comprehensive approach to prevent family separation, smuggling and trafficking,” Scribner said.

The U.S. bishops' delegation said the United States and other nations must provide reconstruction funds in a timely manner and assist the Haitian government in rebuilding the country. The full report issued by the USCCB can be found online ([http://www.usccb.org/mrs/USCCB MRS 10 trip report.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/mrs/USCCB_MRS_10_trip_report.pdf)).



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**MASS FOR POPE**—The Polish-Slovak Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Newark will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart on Saturday, Oct. 16, 11 a.m., to commemorate the 32nd anniversary of Pope John Paul II's election to the papacy. Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, the president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Healthcare Workers, will serve as the celebrant and homilist. Call (973) 344-2743 for more information.

# SHU to host Oesterreicher presentation

**SOUTH ORANGE**—Seton Hall University's (SHU) Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies will host the 17th Rev. Msgr. John M. Oesterreicher Memorial Lecture Sunday, Oct. 24, 2-4 p.m. in the Beck rooms of Walsh University Library. The forum will feature a presentation by Father Joseph Sievers, Ph.D. entitled: "Christian-Jewish Relations: A View from Rome"

Sponsored by the SHU Monsignor J. M. Oesterreicher Endowment, the program is free and open to the public. For more information, call Father Lawrence Frizzell at (973) 761-9751.

Fr. Joseph Sievers is a scholar who has made a major contribution in the study of Flavius Josephus and the Hasmonean dynasty of Second Temple Judaism. For many years he has been a professor in the prestigious Pontifical Biblical Institute of the Gregorian University in Rome. From 2003-2009 he served as the first director of the university's Augustin Cardinal Bea Center for Interreligious Dialogue. During that time he co-edited the proceedings of two important conferences: "The Catholic Church and the Jewish People: Recent Reflections from Rome" and "Good and Evil after Auschwitz: Ethical Implications for Today."

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**OCTOBER PILGRIMAGE**—Over 3,000 faithful from the Archdiocese of Newark are expected to visit the nation’s capital on Saturday, Oct. 23, for a Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The spiritual journey honors the Blessed Mother as the patroness of the Church of Newark. Rev. Msgr. Richard F. Groncki, recently retired rector of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, is director of archdiocesan pilgrimages. Those planning to attend should contact individual archdiocesan parishes to reserve bus seats. An estimated 80 buses are slated to arrive in Washington, D.C. between 11 a.m. and noon. The tentative schedule includes confessions between 11:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., an outdoor concert at 12:30 p.m., an organ concert in the upper church at 1 p.m., followed by a procession of parish banners and the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. Archbishop John J. Myers will celebrate Mass at 3 p.m. Departure time is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. The Basilica of the National Shrine is the largest Catholic church in North America. It houses more than 60 chapels and the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical artwork in the United States.

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## Pondering lessons on respecting life and those in need

A few months ago, I happened to be at the Garden State Plaza in Paramus, arranging for new eyeglasses. (Even better, I happened to go during the week of a 50-percent off sale!) After completing my order, I paused a while in one of the sitting areas in the mall, watching the people going in and out of the stores or walking the corridors.

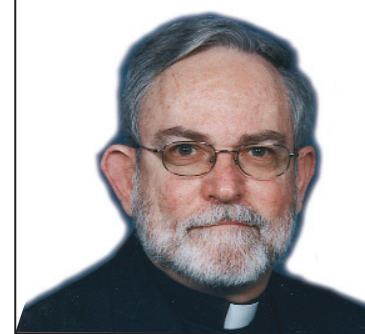
Having just had a preacher in our parish for the Propagation of the Faith's annual Mission Cooperation Plan and having heard news reports of the six-month anniversary of the devastating earthquake in Haiti, I began to think of people all around the world, especially in poorer countries and underdeveloped regions.

I wondered whether they would be astounded or confounded to see the variety and quantity of merchandise available for purchase, if they even had the money to do so. Even in our slowly recovering economy, many of us still are not challenged to differentiate between what we think we want and what we truly need.

This is surely an appropriate reflection as we approach Mission Sunday later this month. Priests, religious, and laity dedicate their lives to bring our Catholic Faith to people all over the world, often at great personal sacrifice and with few of the creature comforts with which many of us are accustomed. Our prayers and financial support are the least we can provide to our brothers and sisters in faith.

October is also Respect Life Month. There are millions fewer children in our country due to the high number of legal but immoral abortions that occur each year. This impacts school enrollments and family life, and devastates the minds and souls of those who have had abortions. Fortunately, programs like Project Rachel and Rachel's Vineyard retreat weekends have helped many post-abortive parents to reconcile with God and the Church. Those who find themselves in this situation

### SEEING & BELIEVING



By Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz

can contact, in complete confidentiality, Michelle Krystofik by phone at (732) 388-8211 or e-mail (arnnewrespect@sjan.net) for more information.

Respect for human life, of course, extends to all areas of life, from conception to natural death. How we treat people at all stages in between is equally as important as the beginning and the end: concern for the poor, justice for the oppressed and the oppressor, support for families either broken or intact and health-care available to all. Actually, the list is endless, but is easily enough summed up in the Two Great Commandments: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt. 22: 37, 39).

When we do things in life with this focus, we can be sure that we will respect all lives because to love God is to do what He commands and to love others is to recognize and respect the divine life within them. Be they in the missions in the remotest places on earth, the properties bordering our own, the pew next to us or the home with us, may we truly treasure God with us and with them.

(Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Arnholz is pastor of St. John the Evangelist parish in Bergenfield, and Archdiocesan Vicar for Pastoral Life.)

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**SAYING ‘THANK YOU’**—Notre Dame Interparochial School, Palisades Park, celebrated its annual International Dinner on Sept 10. Students, families and 3rd Degree members of the Knights of Columbus Archbishop Thomas J. Walsh Council No. 3550 and 4th Degree members of the Pope John XXIII Assembly No. 0668 gathered to celebrate the new school year through Mass, dinner and the recognition of the Columbian Charitable Group (CCG) of Palisades Park and Ridgefield. The members of the board of trustees of the CCG were honored guests in appreciation of their generous match of funds raised by the Home School Association during the 2009/2010 school year. Thanks to the charitable donation of \$40,000 and fund-raising efforts by the Home School Association, Notre Dame now has a “Smart Board” and new computers in every classroom. Rita Miragliotta (center), Notre Dame principal, thanked members of the CCG for their continued support and expressed appreciation for its mission of unity. In addition to this donation, The CCG has donated the funds for books, furniture and equipment in recent years. Members of the school’s National Junior Honor Society presented plaques of recognition to Miragliotta and Dennis De Santis (holding plaque), faculty member and president of the CCG.



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**ORIENTATION FOR EDUCATORS**—The Schools Office of the Archdiocese of Newark welcomed 50 new teachers at a special orientation workshop held Sept. 1 at the Archdiocesan Center. Gloria Castucci (top right), director of early childhood education, discussed the needs of young learners with new Pre-K and kindergarten teachers. In his welcoming remarks, Rev. Msgr. Kevin Hanbury, vicar for education and superintendent of schools, thanked the new teachers for giving their “time, talent and treasure to Catholic schools.” Brother Ralph Darmento, F.S.C., Deputy Superintendent of Schools, gave a presentation on the essential elements of the Church’s educational mission in conjunction with the teacher’s role in fostering a school’s Catholic identity.

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Haemmerles attend PA education summit

ORADELL—Joseph Haemmerle, assistant principal at Bergen Catholic High School (BC), and his wife, Laura, also a veteran educator, recently attended the inaugural “The Leader-In-Me Global Education Summit” at California University of

Pennsylvania. Over 1,500 educators from 33 states and 14 countries participated. Haemmerle said the focus of the confab was to have educators share ideas on how to help students succeed inside and outside the classroom while learning leadership skills.

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# Study of ancient Scripture: a modern teaching tool

**Readings:** Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8.

The selection from the Second Letter to Timothy includes an important statement about the Jewish Scripture or “Old Testament” as a vehicle for instruction. “All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching—for reproof, correction, and training in righteousness—so that the one who

belongs to God may be competent and equipped for every good work” (3:16-17).

Among the reasons for encouraging the faithful to study and prepare for the Sunday liturgy is the need to place each reading in context. Because of its brevity, the homily often leaves many questions unanswered. The faithful are encouraged to make a prayerful reflection on the passages to be read in their context, along with

an attempt to grapple with the obscurities and challenges of a given passage.

This Sunday’s lesson from early in the history of Israel’s wandering in the wilderness is a case in point. Who is Amalek and why did his forces attack the Israelites? In the Book of Deuteronomy we read: “Bear in mind what Amalek did to you on the journey after you left Egypt, how without fear of any god he

harassed you along the way, weak and weary as you were, and cut off at the rear all who lagged behind” (25:18).

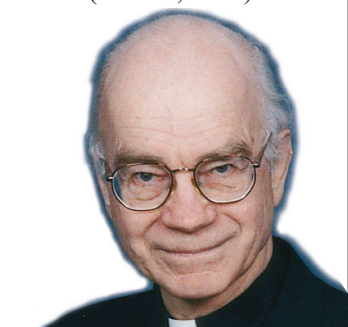
This terroristic oppression of the weak culminated in an attack to which the Israelites responded militarily. However, the battle was won, not primarily by the tactics of Joshua but by the intercession of Moses. The figure of Amalek came to symbolize the hatred and oppression suffered by Israel over the millennia. The people were assured that “the LORD will war against Amalek through the centuries” (Ex 17:16), yet they should never forget that such a danger may overwhelm the defenseless among them (see DT 25:19). As the example of Moses indicates, prayer is essential in the situations that might result in persecution, especially in order to find the possibility not only of victory, but also of lasting peace.

The prophet Moses and all his successors were not only teachers guiding the people to fidelity in God’s service; they were also intercessors whose prayer warded off dangers from outside or within the community (see EX 17:8-13; 32:7-14). The support of collaborators is essential for the success of this aspect of the prophetic call. From the pope to parish priest and parents, all leaders in the Christian community must recognize the centrality of prayer in the exercise of their mission. Only then will the daunting tasks become manageable.

Although Jesus showed that adoration and thanksgiving are more important than petition, He did emphasize that we must turn to God with confidence in all our

## SUNDAY READINGS

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Oct. 17, 2010)




By Rev. Lawrence Frizzell

needs (Mt 6:5-14). What is His advice when our prayers don’t seem to be answered? A parable describes what, humanly speaking, would be a totally hopeless situation.

In ancient society the widow should be protected by her sons, because she could not even be a witness, let alone bring a case to court herself. Jesus depicted a widow without a protector and a local judge “who neither feared (revered) God nor respected any human being” (Lk 18:2). No one would expect him to render justice for an impecunious widow, yet her persistence finally wore down his apathy. Those without recourse to the normal ways of arriving at justice were protected by God. The law of Moses reads: “If ever you wrong the widow and the orphan and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry” (Ex 22:22). The commandment of Moses was intended to admonish the judges and the powerful in Israelite society that God watched over their conduct and would demand a reckoning.

Indeed, “measure for measure” was declared to be the norm for judgment. “My wrath will flare up and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans” (Ex 22:23). Jesus not only assured His listeners that God will bring justice to the elect who pray with perseverance, but also linked their vindication with His own coming for final judgment.

Persistent prayer flows from a deep faith. In the midst of life’s tragedies, often caused by human injustice and violence, people must cultivate a profound belief in God and trust in divine providence. Faith is also the best foundation for building the practice of justice and love that should characterize the lives of all people.



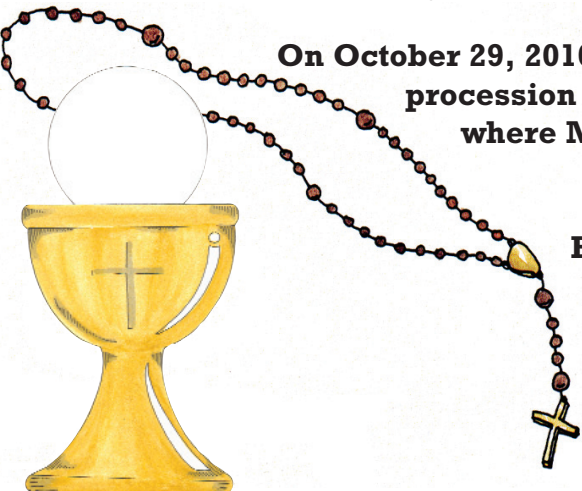
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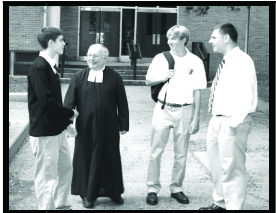
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Obituaries

Sr. Madeline Jose, S.C., educator

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 5 at Saint Anne Villa, Convent Station, for Sister Madeline Jose Bennett, S.C., 93, who died Aug. 1. Born in Port Elizabeth, Sr. Madeline entered the Sisters of Charity on March 25, 1944 and was a member 66 years. She served in the education ministry

in Massachusetts and New Jersey from 1944 to 1954. Her assignments in the Archdiocese of Newark included Corpus Christi School, Hasbrouck Heights; Sacred Heart School and Saint Charles Borromeo School both in Newark and Saint Bernard School, Plainfield. From 1954 to 1962 she was a

seamstress at Saint Anne Villa and an assistant at Seton Commissary. From 1962 to 1972 Sr. Madeline was a seamstress at Nazareth Novitiate, Convent Station. She resided at Saint Anne Villa from 1972 to 1975 and served as a member of the staff of Saint Anne Villa from 1978 to 1983. She retired to Saint Anne Villa, where she resided until her death.

Anthony LaPolla

Anthony LaPolla, a former principal of Roselle Catholic High School, died on Aug. 6. Joining the Roselle Catholic

faculty in September 1969, Mr. LaPolla served the Roselle Catholic community for more than 40 years. He served as teacher, assistant principal and principal and was renowned for

his dedication to students. The RCHS chapter of the National Honor Society is named after LaPolla as well as the RCHS Focus Room, for students with learning differences.

Career ministry workshop to identify target markets

RIDGEWOOD—The Career Resources Ministry of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 1 Passaic St., will host a networking and job-seekers workshop on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 p.m.

Career ministry workshops are held in the meeting room located in the lower church. Meetings are free and open to the public and extended to anyone seeking employment or considering a new career path. Parish membership is not a pre-requisite and people of all faiths are welcome.

Those planning to attend should bring their most recent resume. For

more information, call Carol Shea at (201) 447-4215, Tom Lewis (201) 445-1864 or Ed McCabe (201) 652-3130. Light refreshments will be served during the workshop.

The Oct. 24 workshop, titled “Define Your Target Market,” will offer suggestions on how to clearly and logically focus on identifying business sectors that may offer career opportunities, based on the job candidate’s goals and experience.

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PRAYER TO ST. JUDE Oh, Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition (make request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. St. Jude, pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days. Thank you for answering my prayer. E.S.

PRAYER TO ST. RITA O powerful Saint Rita, rightly called Saint of the Impossible, I come to you with confidence in my great need. You know well my trials, for you yourself were many times burdened in this life. Come to my help, speak for me, pray with me, intercede on my behalf before the Father. I know that God has a most generous heart and that He is a most loving Father. Join your prayers to mine and obtain for me the grace I desire (here mention your request). You who were so very pleasing to God on earth and are so much so now in heaven, I promise to use this favor, when granted, to better my life, proclaim God's mercy, and to make you more widely known and loved. Amen. E.S.

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THANK YOU ST. JUDE A special prayer of thanksgiving to St. Jude for answering my prayer. All glory to God for His mercy and grace in the lives of His faithful. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, continue to pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, always pray for us. May we be forever grateful for the intercession of St. Jude in our times of need. Amen. Published in a true spirit of gratitude to Almighty God. Thank you, St. Jude. M.A.B.

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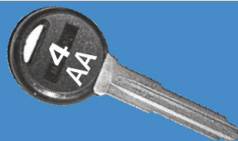
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# Academy of St. Elizabeth marks 150-year milestone

CONVENT STATION—The Academy of Saint Elizabeth, founded in 1860 by the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, the oldest high school for girls in the Garden State, will mark its historical milestone with a Mass on Oct. 17 in Holy Family Chapel. Father Larry Evans, the chaplain of Paramus Catholic Regional High School, will preside at Mass and serve as the homilist.

The Sisters of Charity of Saint

Elizabeth founded the school 150 years ago as one of the earliest institutions under the aegis of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint. Located at 2 Convent Rd., the academy—part of the Diocese of Paterson—was established in the fall of 1860 in Madison.

The registration ledger from the first day of school still resides in the principal's office as do the records

of every succeeding year.

"Our school has gained a wide reputation for scholarship and is recognized and accepted throughout the state as an institution of strong academics, culture and Catholic learning for young women," explained Sister Patricia Costello, O.P., who currently serves as principal.

As the high school thrived, interest in furthering the education of

young women resulted in establishment of the College of Saint Elizabeth in 1900.

"During the course of 150 years, Saint Elizabeth's has been witness to history and all kinds of disaster yet her students have always recovered stronger, more determined, with greater faith and fully restored to a zest for life," Sr. Pat stressed. "Through it all our girls have gone out into an America that has been

more prosperous for each generation and more open to the advancement of women.

"We hold the same standards and values as our first students. We are as determined now as we were then to fortify our girls with the spiritual, educational and social foundation that will ensure success and happiness beyond our gates and well into our third century," the principal added.



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**LEGAL LUMINARY**—The Saint Thomas More Association at Seton Hall University honored one of its own Sept. 24 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark at the annual Red Mass. Most Rev. Timothy M. Dolan, left, Archbishop of New York, was the main celebrant and homilist at the Red Mass. In his homily he cited the importance of the law and its application. Archbishop Dolan and Newark Archbishop John J. Myers, center, offered congratulations at the end of Mass to the honoree, the Honorable Marilyn C. Clark, Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey and Presiding Judge of the Criminal Division, Passaic County, after she was presented with the Saint Thomas More Medal. Judge Clark is an active alumnus of Immaculate Heart Academy, Washington Township. The Red Mass, named for the red vestments used in celebrating the Mass and from the red robes worn by judges in the Middle Ages, marks the beginning of the judicial year and invokes God's blessing and guidance in the administration of justice. The Red Mass began in the United States 82 years ago in New York City.

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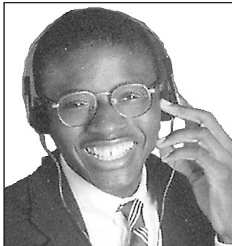
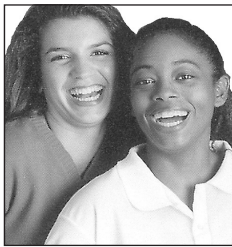
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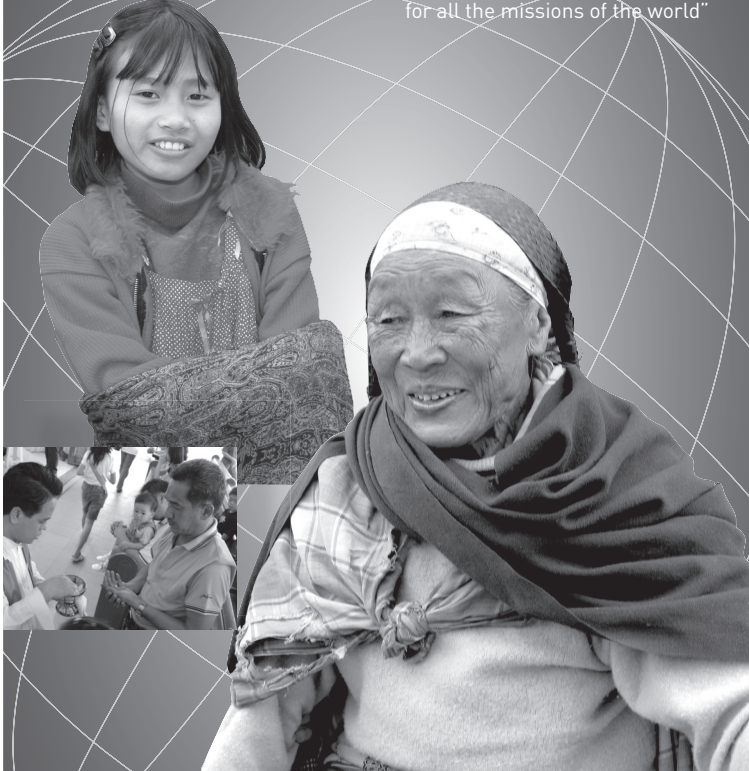
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## Two forums to explore stewardship

NEWARK—The Archdiocese of Newark’s annual Stewardship Day will be held Saturday, Oct. 16 at two locations: Mother Seton High School, 1 Valley Rd., Clark; and at Immaculate Heart Academy, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Washington Township. A free continental breakfast will be served at each location from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Presentations will start at 9 a.m.

The forums in Bergen and Union counties are free and open to the public, however those interested in attending should register in advance. Registration can be done online ([www.rcan.org/stewardship](http://www.rcan.org/stewardship)) or by con-

tacting Lynn Gully, associate director of stewardship by phone at (973) 497-4589 or via e-mail ([gullylyn@rcan.org](mailto:gullylyn@rcan.org)).

Carla Repollet is the executive director of the archdiocesan Office of Stewardship and Development.

Presentations will feature the following topics: “D.I.Y. (do it yourself) offertory increase—how one pastor single handedly increased his parish offertory”; “How to organize a parish stewardship day”; “Benefits of a parish stewardship committee”; and “Our youth are the cornerstone of the future.”



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**RESPECT LIFE SEMINAR**—Father John S. Grimm, J.D. (left), assistant professor of Moral Theology at Seton Hall University’s (SHU) School of Theology, South Orange, was the keynote speaker for the annual Life Issues seminar, which was held Oct. 2, at Queen of Peace Parish, North Arlington. Pictured with Fr. Grimm is Bishop John W. Flesey (center), and Father Joseph Meagher, the director of the archdiocesan Respect Life Office. “How deep are the roots of our pro-life convictions?,” Fr. Grimm asked during his presentation, “Living the Gospel of Life: Common Misconceptions and Practical Responses.” “Have we unwittingly built a house of cards by teaching abortion is wrong without also confronting the tough, real-life situations in which nominally pro-life people and others will be tempted to have an abortion? We must make the strongest case possible for the sinfulness of abortion and other anti-life offenses. We must not be afraid to confront the difficult scenarios that people face every day.”



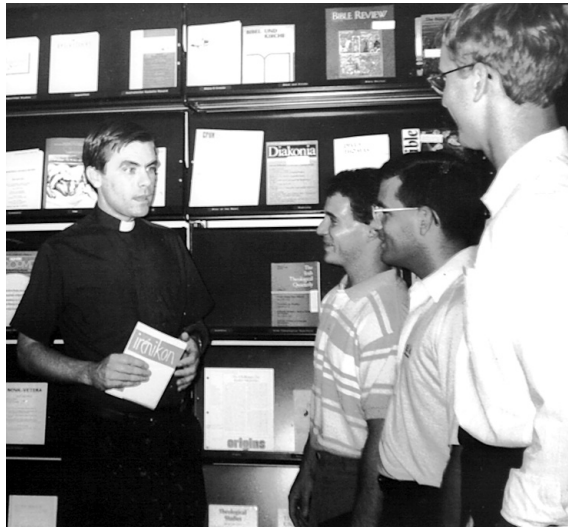
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**BELL COMES DOWN TO EARTH**—Saint Mary Parish, Nutley, recently began renovation of its bell tower. Pastor Father Ernest Rush, right, oversaw the removal of the antique bell, dated 1882, while curious parishioners and contractors looked on. The bell will soon be refinished and installed on display, at street level, in front of the parish.





# 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary





# A 150-year mission: training men for the priesthood

BY MSGR. ROBERT WISTER  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

To a traveler sailing on the Nile, gazing at the monuments of the pharaohs, 150 years seem to be no more than a blink of an eye. Even in the history of a Church that measures time in centuries, a century and a half does not appear to be so long a time. In the life of the Church in the United States, it is a quite different matter.



Msgr.  
Robert Wister

Most of the seminaries established in the United States since the first in 1791 have disappeared. Simply to have survived is an accomplishment. To have prospered and thrived is an astounding feat.

The story of Immaculate Conception

Seminary, located on the South Orange campus of Seton Hall University (SHU), reflects the history of the United States and the history of the Catholic Church in the United States. I do not know of any other seminary north of the Mason-Dixon Line that had a rector who was a veteran of the Army of the Confederate States of America. All seminaries have faced financial crises; but what other seminary was on the brink of sale by its bishop not once or twice, but on three separate occasions?

Immaculate Conception Seminary was founded Sept. 10, 1860. Like all seminaries, it has alumni who became bishops. But it also is a seminary that has produced chaplain heroes like Father Charles J. Watters, who served with the 173rd Army Airborne Brigade and was killed in Vietnam on Nov. 19, 1967 at the age of 40. Another heroic chaplain was Father John P. Washington, one of World War II's famous "Four Chaplains," who gave their life vests to soldiers on a torpedoed troopship and was awarded a unique Congressional Medal of Valor. Fr. Washington was aboard the U.S.A.T. Dorchester in the North Atlantic when the boat was sunk on Feb. 3, 1943. Each year in early February as special Mass is held at Saint Stephen Parish, Kearny, in honor of Fr. Washington.

One of the seminarians who passed through its halls, but never ordained, was Will Durant, who in 1977 received the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America's highest civilian award that recognizes meritorious service—an honor also conferred on Pope John Paul II. According to information posted on various Web sites, Durant (1885-1981) also garnered the Pulitzer Prize in 1968 and spent 50 years writing his critically acclaimed 11-volume series, "The Story of Civilization."

Immaculate Conception, at one time or another, has been a school with a dozen seminarians within a small college, an enclosed monastery-like institution with more than 300, and finally a seminary and school of theology educating seminarians and lay men and women on the campus of SHU.

In each of these incarnations, it has maintained its central mission of training men for the priesthood of the Catholic Church as it has adapted to the needs of the Church and the realities of the times.

Mirroring its development, it has been

known by a series of names, some simple, some rather cumbersome. In 19th-century national Catholic directories, we find it called the "Diocesan Seminary" and the "Ecclesiastical Seminary." Eventually it becomes "Immaculate Conception Seminary."

In the 20th century, reflecting the grandeur of the Darlington estate in Bergen County, it is the "Major Archdiocesan Philosophical and Theological Seminary of the Immaculate Conception." In the 1970s, it varied its name from year to year, occa-

sionally called the "Darlington School of Theology" in its catalogues.

As it moved to SHU in 1984, its official name, reflecting the past and the present, was the "Darlington Seminary of the Immaculate Conception School of Theology and Pastoral Ministry of Seton Hall University"—too long for letterhead.

In its first century, the distinctions among college seminarians, philosophy students, and theology students were rather vague. Theology students clearly were "seminarians" and wore a cassock and fol-



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Most Rev. Thomas A. Boland, the second Archbishop of Newark, presided at a Solemn Pontifical Mass that was celebrated at Chapel of Christ the King, Immaculate Conception Seminary in Darlington (Mahwah) on Dec. 8, 1961. The Mass opened the centennial anniversary celebration for the seminary. Bishop George W. Ahr of Trenton took part in the celebration. Archbishop Boland and Bishop Ahr served as seminary rectors.





# Good Shepherd's eternal love serves as foundation of pastoral formation

BY FATHER DONALD E. BLUMENFELD  
Special to *The Catholic Advocate*

For the diocesan priest, the major seminary community in which he prepares for priestly ministry is profoundly important to his life in the priesthood. The foundation for his ministry—including the spiritual preparation, academic courses, and human relationships that contribute to his growth from seminary student to ordained cleric—principally takes place in the ambience of the believing community of seminarians and priests that constitute the seminary as a house of priestly formation.

From Immaculate Conception Seminary's dawning days, seminarians have contributed to the life of the Catholic Church in New Jersey. In the first period of the seminary's history—when, in the mid 19th century, major seminarians served as prefects and instructors in Seton Hall College—this work was more a matter of addressing immediate needs than preparing for future ministry; in fact, these activities eventually were ended precisely because



Father Donald E. Blumenfeld

they were considered a distraction from preparation for the priesthood. In the years preceding and immediately following World War II, seminarians began to become more involved, mainly during the summer months, in what was then called "apostolic" activity. In its earliest stages, this effort saw seminarians devoting themselves to conducting summer catechetical programs in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI approved the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Priestly Training (*Optatam Totius*), which, among other things, directed national conferences of bishops to devise guides for the training of seminarians and called for seminarians to undertake practical experiences in pastoral service. The response of the bishops of the United States was the publi-

cation of the "Program of Priestly Formation" in the early 1970s. Seminarian involvement in "field education" became a staple of priestly formation in diocesan seminaries around the world.

As time passed, the approach to the practical preparation of seminarians for the priesthood became more structured and systematic. There began to be an emphasis on service in diverse communities, in ministry to the poor, and in different types of pastoral work. Field education was related to the other aspects of priestly training through formal supervision by experienced priests and also by means of "theological reflection" discussions guided by seminary faculty members.

Following the 1991 General Synod of Bishops addressing the subject of contemporary preparation for the priesthood, Pope John Paul II issued the apostolic exhortation *Pastores Dabo Vobis* ("I Will Give You Shepherds") in the spring of 1992. This landmark document described four primary foundations or "pillars" of priestly formation: human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral. Each area is equally important, but the Holy Father described the pas-

toral pillar as the one that binds all four, integrating the four pillars into the candidate's very being. In effect, pastoral formation defines both the source of the individual vocation (the call to make the love of Christ the Good Shepherd known in the world) as well as its aim (forming men for priestly service).

This brief history hopefully makes clear that the approach to preparing seminarians for ministry as priests has developed organically over a long period. Methods have been designed throughout the years in response to the styles of priestly ministry exercised in differing periods.

Today, basing this area of formation on both *Pastores Dabo Vobis* and the 2006 fifth edition of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Program of Priestly Formation, seminarians engage in a systematic process of pastoral formation. The program is organized to immerse the seminarian gradually in fuller experiences of pastoral ministry, accompanied by increasing responsibility in the exercise of ministerial service.

Pastoral formation begins in the very first year of priestly formation, Pre-Theology 1. Initially the seminarians attend a semester-long series of presentations introducing them to the ministries of various archdiocesan agencies, including areas such as the Worship Office, Prison Ministry, Ministry with the Deaf and

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lowed a rather strict rule. Students studying philosophy sometimes were called seminarians, but often referred to in seminary documents as "ecclesiastical students" or "church students."

First- and second-year college students were sometimes called simply "aspirants to the priesthood." This often confusing nomenclature and the murky distinctions among these groups makes it almost impossible to separate what today are much clearer administrative units.

In 1911, Seton Hall's high school and college departments were designated the "preparatory seminary" of the diocese of Newark, but it was only in the 1940s, at the gentle prodding of the Holy See, that administrative distinctions became clear.

Today, the College Seminary—Saint Andrew's Hall at Seton Hall—provides a four-year liberal arts program with a major in Catholic Theology. Immaculate Conception Seminary has a two-year Pre-Theology Program and a four-year Theology Program leading to priestly ordination. It offers Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees in Theology degrees to both seminarians and lay men and women.

The story of Immaculate Conception Seminary is also the story of the Catholic people of the diocese and archdiocese of Newark and the dioceses and religious communities that the seminary serves. Great personalities have shaped it and been formed by it.

The personalities often jump out at us

and cause surprise and consternation.

Father Bernard J. McQuaid, the first rector of the seminary, resigns in a huff after a spat with Most Rev. James R. Bayley (the first bishop of Newark) and runs to New York but later returns. Most Rev. Michael A. Corrigan, the second bishop of Newark, opens the coffers of the family fortune to save a bankrupt college and seminary. Mary Gwendolyn Caldwell haughtily sniffs that Seton Hall is a "broken-down college" and sends her money for a Catholic University to Washington rather than to South Orange. Will Durant entered the seminary with the hope of creating a fifth-column to bring the Church to socialism. Most Rev. Thomas J. Walsh, the first archbishop of Newark, enlists Democratic Party boss Frank Hague to raise money for the new seminary at Darlington.

Seminarians of the late 1960s gather conferees from across the United States to demand more reforms in the Church. In one day, seminarians and faculty decamp from Mahwah and move to South Orange in the middle of the semester. Seminarians of every era plan, plot, and conspire how to evade whatever rules they deem restrictive or inconvenient.

Today Immaculate Conception Seminary is thriving. Young men from many dioceses and religious communities prepare for priesthood. Dedicated lay men and women study at the seminary, where they obtain the knowledge and skills for service to the Church.

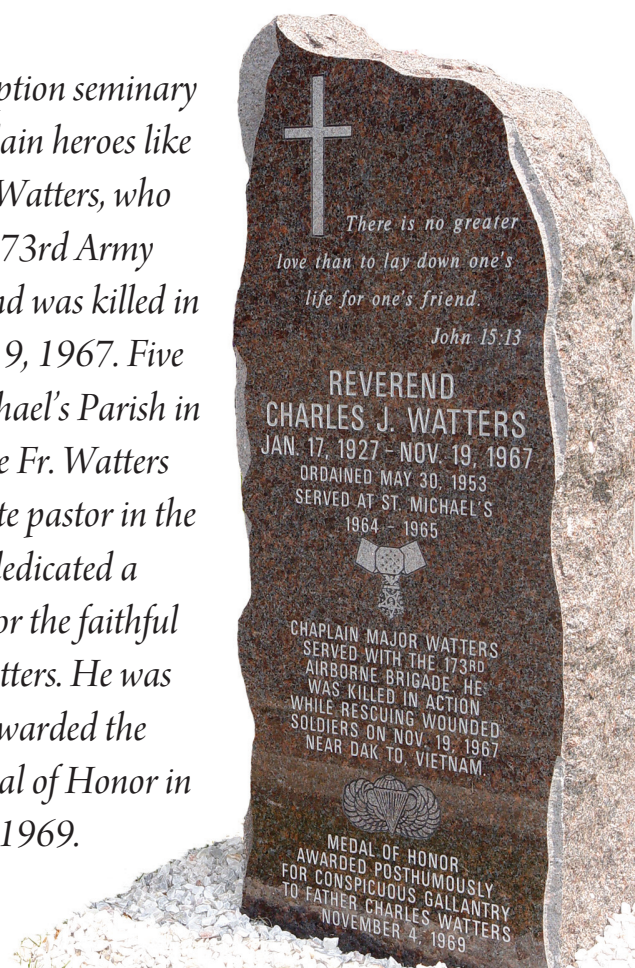
Marking its sesquicentennial anniver-

sary in 2010, the seminary looks forward with confidence to its next 150 years, always grateful for the sacrifices made by so many people over the last 15 decades that have ensured that Immaculate Conception

*Immaculate Conception seminary has produced chaplain heroes like Father Charles J. Watters, who served with the 173rd Army Airborne Brigade and was killed in Vietnam on Nov. 19, 1967. Five years ago Saint Michael's Parish in Cranford—where Fr. Watters served as an associate pastor in the mid-1960s—dedicated a monument to honor the faithful heroism of Fr. Watters. He was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in November 1969.*

Seminary's mission to the Catholic Church has endured and prospered.

(Editor's note: Rev. Msgr. Robert Wister is a professor of Church History at Immaculate Conception Seminary.)







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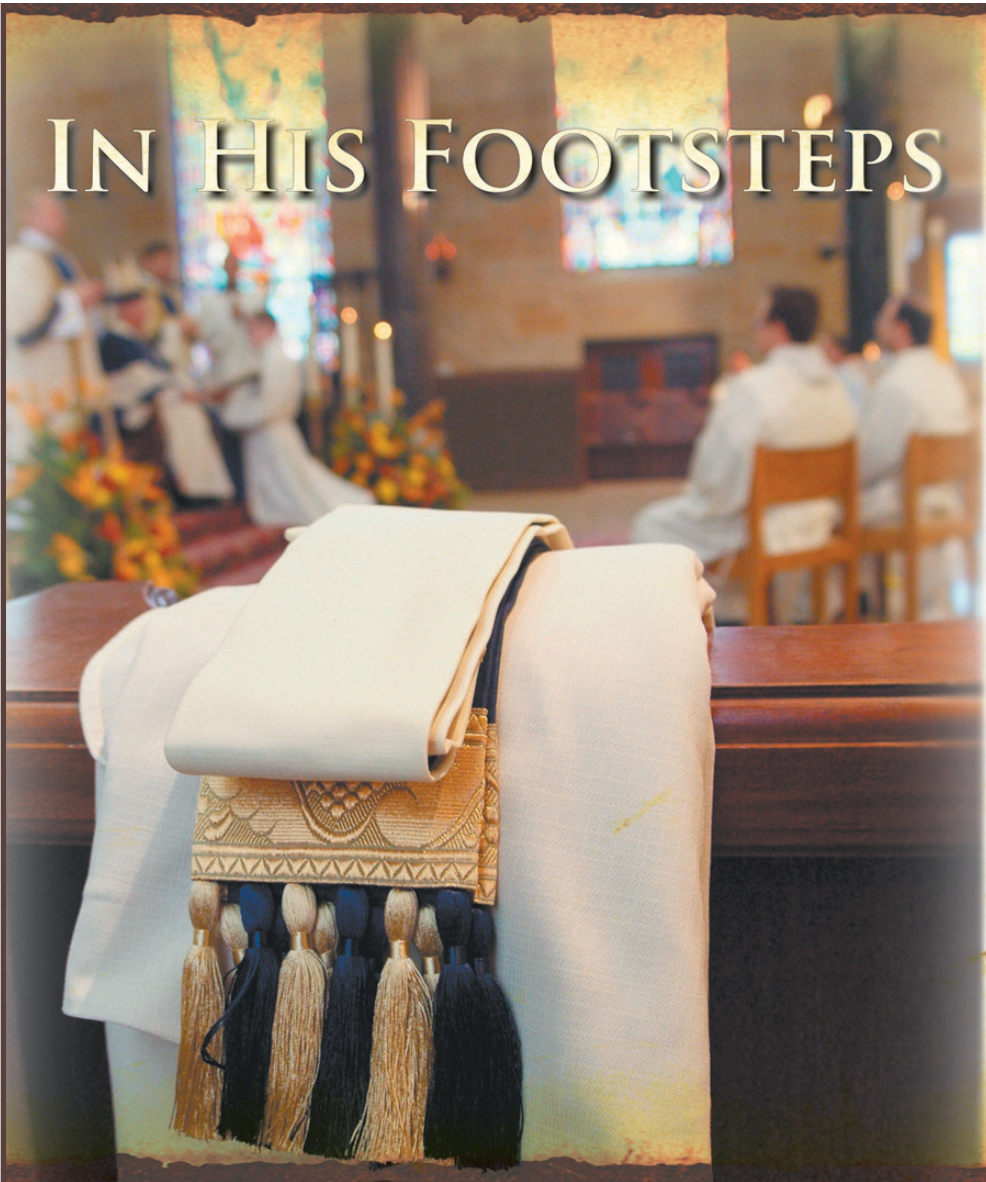
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**SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION BEGINS**—Archbishop John J. Myers (center) presided at Mass at Immaculate Conception Seminary April 25 to kickoff the sesquicentennial celebration. Most Rev. Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, served as the homilist. Students from throughout the United States as well as countries such as Nigeria, Poland and Nicaragua attend the South Orange seminary. Academic offerings include Master of Arts degrees in Theology, Divinity and Pastoral Ministry.

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## Sesquicentennial

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The first element which must be seen in every vocation to the priesthood is friendship with Christ. As Jesus lived in constant union with His Father, so His disciples must be eager to do the same. This is what makes the priest a “man of God.” He will belong to God and will help other people to know and love Him. So the seminarian must cultivate a deep intimacy with God, abiding in His love and making room to hear His Word. This happens above all by prayer. If it does not, then he will fail.

The second aspect of the priesthood is the complete gift of ourselves to God. In following Jesus, the seminarian must surely give witness that he has given himself fully to God. This will enable him to give himself to those whom the Lord will entrust to him in priestly ministry with complete, constant and faithful devotion. The seminarian cannot give only a part of himself. We cannot compartmentalize our lives, otherwise, our priesthood will be only a show and a sham.

The third aspect that characterizes the priesthood is a life of communion. Jesus showed that the mark of those who wish to be His followers is profound communion in love. The seminarian must learn to be a man of communion, who is open to loving all

God’s people and capable of gathering them into one. He will help to overcome divisions and to heal hearts that are hurting and settle conflicts and misunderstandings. He will forgive peoples’ sins.

The seminarian must make these things

his own in order to remain faithful to his vocation and to radiate the joy of serving Jesus Christ and to draw all Christians closer to their Lord. He must learn that the vocation to the priesthood is a most exalted one and a most mysterious one. Despite his weaknesses and limitations, he will have to

live out and preserve this precious gift that Christ will give him, a share in His saving mission. Our understanding of the ministerial priesthood is bound to faith and requires a forceful dedication to seminary formation.

In an address that Pope Benedict XVI made to a gathering of clergy last spring, he stated: “The men and women of our time ask us only to be priests and nothing more. The lay faithful will find in a great many other people what they humanly need, but in the priest alone will they be able to find the word of God that must always be on his lips; the mercy of the Father, abundantly and freely bestowed in the Sacrament of Reconciliation; the Bread of New Life, ‘true food given to men.’” May this seminary truly help our men to become this kind of priest both now and for many years to come.

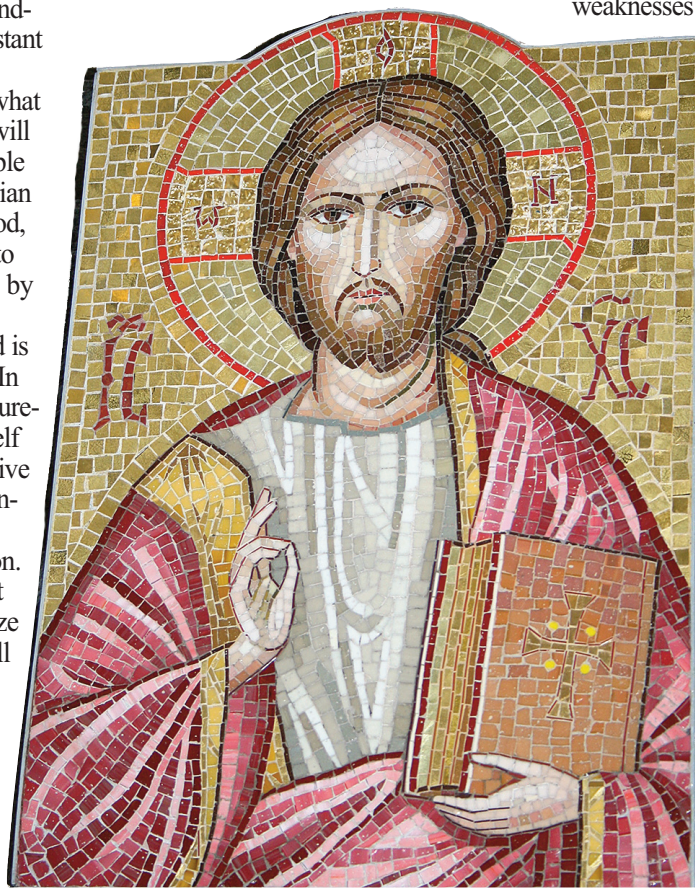
Who were the priests in your life? Can you think of any of the priests you have known (some of whom may have now gone home to the Lord)? Did they ever do you any good? Did they ever make any difference in your life? Hopefully, their seminary years here made a real difference in their lives.

So many things change as time passes, but the need for solid priestly formation remains. As we celebrate the first 150 years of Immaculate Conception Seminary I know that we could not have reached this great milestone without the careful and loving guidance of the Shepherds of the Church in Newark, especially Archbishop John J. Myers, and the generous help of countless numbers of the Lord’s faithful. Your continuing prayers and financial support for the work of this seminary have enabled us to reach this sesquicentennial celebration. Pray that the Lord Jesus will allow us to move on ahead, to form holy and healthy priests who are growing always stronger and better at serving God’s beloved people.

*(Editor’s note: Rev. Msgr. Robert Coleman is the rector and dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary.)*



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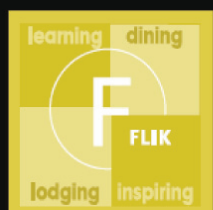
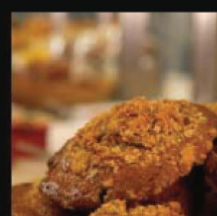
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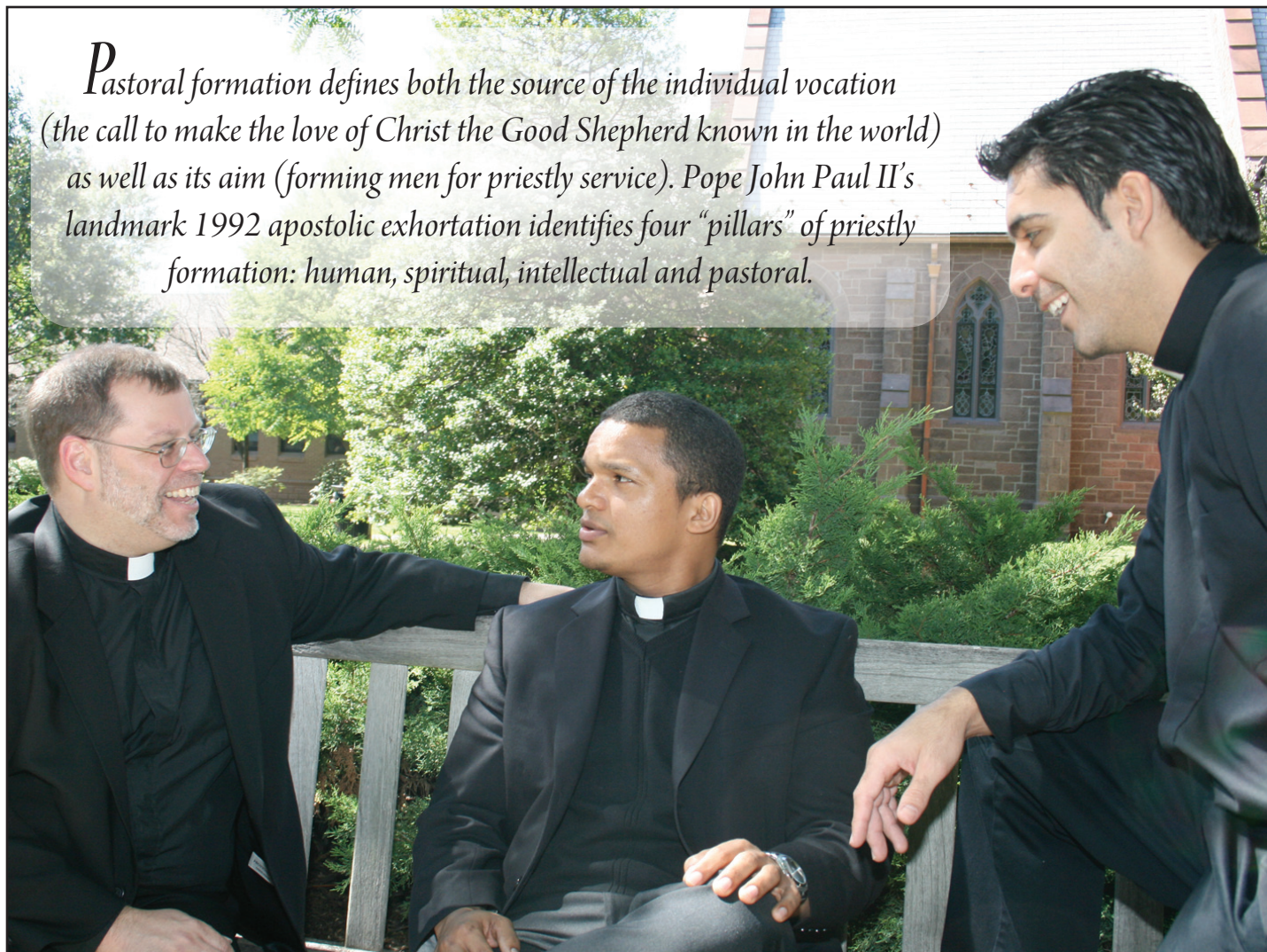
Family Life Ministry, among others. In their second semester the seminarians participate in four orientation sessions on the mission of Catholic Charities, followed by a weekly assignment in one of the ministries conducted by Catholic Charities for the remainder of the term.

Reflecting on this initial placement, John Butler, now in Pre-Theology 2 as a candidate for the Diocese of Trenton, noted that “a new goal for me will be the developing of that habit of ‘reflecting theologically on experience’ especially in connection with my first field education assignment at the Catholic Charities senior citizens center, and pausing for a few moments after each weekly visit to the seniors center to reflect on that day’s experience’s impact on me and my impact on the seniors with whom we visited.”

Pre-Theology 2 features a social service placement, which in recent years has been at Saint Joseph’s Home for the Elderly in Totowa, where the seminarians visit residents and conduct liturgical, catechetical and recreational programs. The emphasis in the first two years is on accustoming the seminarian to serving other people.

As formal graduate studies begin with First Theology, the men receive a year-long parish assignment. While this generally involves some “hands on” work in the parish

*Pastoral formation defines both the source of the individual vocation (the call to make the love of Christ the Good Shepherd known in the world) as well as its aim (forming men for priestly service). Pope John Paul II’s landmark 1992 apostolic exhortation identifies four “pillars” of priestly formation: human, spiritual, intellectual and pastoral.*



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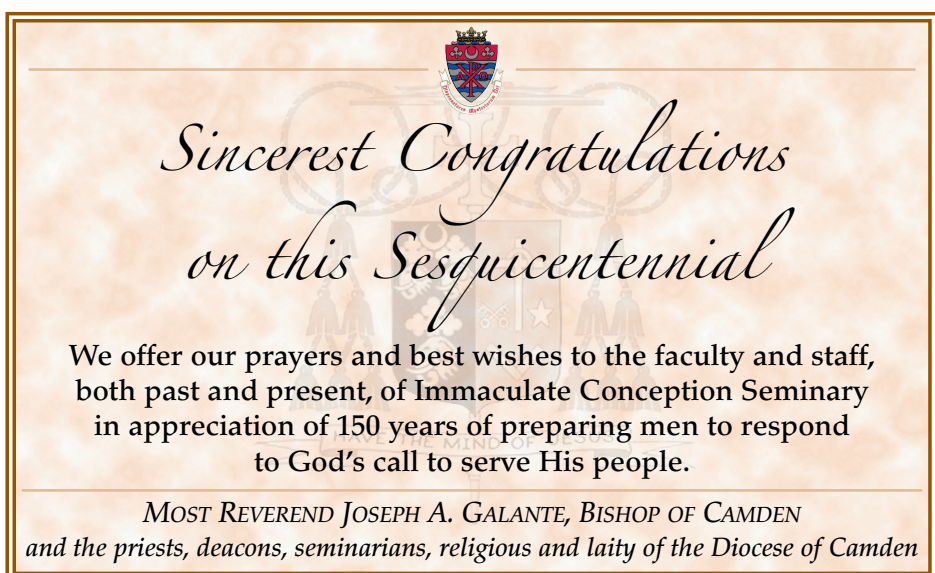
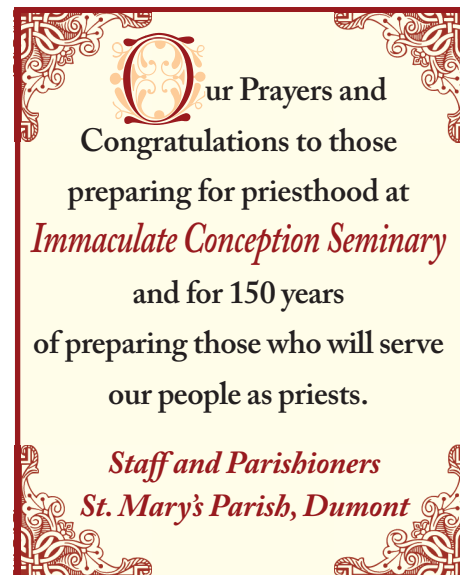
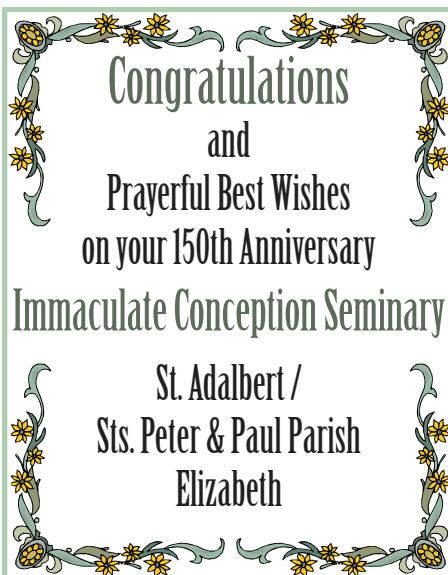
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community, the thrust of this experience is to allow the seminarian to join one of the parish priests and observe his life and ministry at close hand.

Second Theology finds the seminarians assisting with pastoral care at the Center for Hope Hospice for the entire school year. Service to patients and families coping with a terminal illness prepares the students for the realities of priestly service: the parish priest accompanies his people through all stages of life's journey, its trials as well as its triumphs.

In Third Theology the placement is again based in a parish, but with a considerable difference from the First Theology assignment. In third year, the seminarian is expected to be able to minister independently in a variety of situations, including catechetics, ministry to the sick and grieving, and conducting public worship such as wake service and paraliturgies.

Seminarians typically are ordained as transitional deacons following Third Theology. While their summers in priestly formation are devoted to different aspects of their formation (studying a pastoral language such as Spanish or Portuguese, helping in a parish, working with a hospital chaplain), the summer before Fourth Theology is dedicated to full-time parish ministry as a deacon. The new deacons baptize, prepare people for the sacraments, preach the Gospel, assist at weddings and funerals, visit the sick, baptize children, and

begin to grow accustomed to rectory life.

Father Julius Lucero, who was ordained this past May for the Archdiocese of Newark, said he gained more confidence in his assigned parish (Saint Anthony of Padua in Belleville) as a deacon by way of interacting with the parishioners and becoming involved in parish activities. "These activities gave me the opportunity to experience life in the parish," he said. "I learned how to integrate theological studies in my pastoral experience and developed a better awareness of various ministries in the parish in light of the upcoming ordination as priest. My parish assignment gave me the chance to discover my weaknesses and strengths, and transformed me to be more sensitive to the needs of others by simply listening and my presence with them."

Seminarians also quickly discover that parish ministry is multifaceted, as described by Father Brian Quinn, who was ordained in June for the Diocese of Paterson. "My summer at the parish had me all over the place—making Communion calls, preaching, doing Communion services at the local nursing home," he said. "My summer was a learning experience in many ways. I felt that I was able to learn much from the parishioners and also from the pastor."

Pastoral formation is unquestionably a team effort. It begins with the seminarian himself, who must give generously of his time and talent if he is to gain the most



Advocate photo – Melissa McNally

benefit from their assignments. Significant contributions are made by the priests, permanent deacons, consecrated religious and lay ecclesial ministers who guide the seminarians' pastoral work. The seminary faculty helps the seminarians in the task of reflection and integration of their pastoral experiences.

Pastoral formation is not a mere apprenticeship or internship, but rather a process,

as Pope John Paul II put it, seeking to "truly initiate the candidate into the sensitivity of being a shepherd"—to prepare the seminarian to live a priestly ministry as one who really portrays the image of Christ, the Good Shepherd.

(Editor's note: Father Donald E. Blumenfeld, Ph.D., is the director of pastoral formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary.)



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It was 2:16 on a sunny August afternoon in South Orange when Father Esterminio Chica (left) reminisced on his seminary days with one of his former instructors, Rev. Msgr. James M. Cafone, who taught Contemporary Moral Values.

# Three priests pause to reflect on their time spent in seminary

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

SOUTH ORANGE — Immaculate Conception Seminary (ICS) will always be part of their lives.

As the venerable institution of priestly formation located on the campus of Seton Hall University (SHU) marks an astounding 150 years, three archdiocesan priests reflected recently on what Immaculate Conception Seminary meant to them while they were seminarians and how it influences practically every day of their varied ministries among God’s people in the Church of Newark.

Offering their insights were Rev. Msgr. James M. Cafone, Class of 1965; Father Joseph Mancini, Class of 2001; and Father Esterminio Chica, Class of 2006. At SHU Msgr. Cafone is the tenured member of the Religious Studies Department, minister to the priest community and vice chairman of the board of trustees and member of the board of regents. Fr. Mancini, the parochial vicar at Saint Stephen Parish in Kearny, became coordinator and master of archdiocesan ceremonies on July 1. Fr. Chica is parochial vicar at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Elizabeth, which is Fr. Mancini’s home parish.

Msgr. Cafone remembers his seminary days as a time of personal growth and development. The future Monsignor arrived on the SHU campus as a student in 1956. “I never really joined the seminary,” he explained, noting that in November of his sophomore year he was surprised to learn that one of his priests at Saint Mary Parish in Nutley had “signed me up” for what was then known as the College Seminary—four years of college prior to entering ICS, at a time before Saint Andrews College Seminary existed.

“I decided to go quietly along with it and secretly was very happy” Msgr. Cafone recalled. When he told his mother she was “thrilled.” That exhilaration was shared by the entire family. “I knew that I belonged there,” Msgr. Cafone added.

At the time his classmates at the college seminary were known as divinity students who, Msgr. Cafone pointed out, were “deeply integrated” into the lives of the ordinary lay students at SHU. The seminary, Msgr. Cafone stressed, provided important moral and social support.

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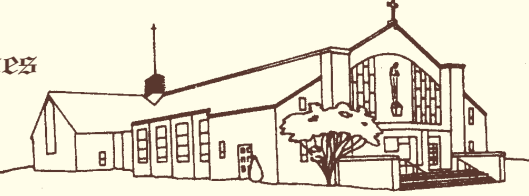
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## Three priests

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Bergen County. His six years there, Msgr. Cafone commented, “might seem like nostalgia for a lost world.” He said the vast majority of his teachers were “magnificent professors who opened doors into Christology and spirituality that have made all the difference in my life.” Faculty members were devout and devoted priests who taught the seminarians to do the will of God in their lives, he said. “They (the faculty) were holy men who worked hard.”

There were 300 students enrolled at the seminary when Msgr. Cafone was a student. He said ICS engendered a deep sense of camaraderie among the seminarians, but also represented a strict, disciplined way of life. Following night prayers it was lights out. Everyone got up at 5:45 a.m. Mass was an “immensely important” part of seminary life,” he went on. The seminarians were taught, Msgr. Cafone noted, “to care about one another, to be part of the Body of Christ on earth.”

His seminary years, declared El Salvador native Fr. Chica, “were a great time with pur-

pose.” Coming to the United States in 1988 was not without its challenges—among them assimilating into another country and learning the language. Fr. Chica said he “came back” to the Church in 1996. Pondering the idea of the priesthood, he explained, led to “the discovery of the beauty of the Church.”

On his first day at the seminary he was surrounded by people from a variety of cultures. The initial challenge was “memorizing 70 names and my schedule.” Fr. Chica enjoyed the company of his fellow seminarians in conjunction with the formation process and “the opportunity to learn and pray.”

As a seminarian Fr. Chica became deeply involved in the Church liturgy with its emphasis on celebration of the Mass. He also was nurtured spiritually at the seminary by its emphasis on the saints of the Church and Holy Hour. He was provided with “all the tools I needed to succeed. They want you to make it. They are there for you.”

Looking back he cited philosophy as among his more challenging courses. A factor was the language barrier but he was candid admitting “it was a miracle I

made it through.” On his term paper he had to put in double the time and effort.

The seminary, recalled Fr. Mancini, was his first time away from home for an extended period of time. He thrived at ICS “knowing that it was a means to an end and preparation for a future life, not a job.” What he enjoyed most was the camaraderie and friendships. Field assignments at parishes, Fr. Mancini explained, were “like leaving home. Every day you learned something new.”

He said the most challenging elements of seminary life involves an understanding of the role of a priest in a diverse, modern society and appreciating the sacred vows and responsibilities of the priesthood. Spiritually, Fr. Mancini gained a deeper awareness of the importance of morning and evening prayer, which he described as the “bookends of a priest’s day.”

Fr. Mancini cited the seminary’s “common sense of prayer” that strengthens the brotherhood of the priests. “The seminary helps you keep focused on what is most important,” he said. “We are doing this not for ourselves but for God and His people.”

Before his present assignment,

Fr. Mancini was the executive director of the archdiocesan youth and young adult ministries at the youth retreat center in Kearny and served as the head of Emmaus House in Newark, where young men spend a year during their discernment process.

While he was in charge of Emmaus House, Fr. Mancini approached the role similar to the way a seminary rector would treat seminarians. A common trait shared by Emmaus House residents was that most were learning the English language. As was done at the seminary, Fr. Mancini tried to expose those at Emmaus House to different parishes and the priests of the archdiocese.

Often during his priesthood, Fr. Mancini falls back on his seminary training. He was and continues to be impressed by the quality of the priests associated with ICS. Fr. Mancini lamented that throughout the United States seminaries are closing or “not doing well” in terms of the number of seminarians they attract. However, he said that is not the case at ICS, which continues to thrive as it celebrates its sesquicentennial and produces “caring, happy and holy priests.”



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Father Joseph Mancini said Archbishop John J. Myers, who was a vocations director in the Diocese of Peoria, IL, “invests a lot of time, resources and interest” in archdiocesan seminarians. Speaking as a former head of Emmaus House in Newark, Fr. Mancini sees spiritual discernment as a lifelong process.

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# DOVE spreads wings, flies to El Salvador orphanage

BY WARD MIELE  
Managing Editor

“The Lord put me there” is the succinct explanation of Rev. Msgr. Joseph R. Chapel, S.T.D., associate dean of Immaculate Conception Seminary School of Theology, South Orange, who has been in the forefront of an ongoing effort to help a Catholic orphanage in El Salvador.

The effort is a real success story that has turned around lives and vastly improved conditions at the Aldea Infantil San Antonio orphanage in San Miguel run by the Franciscan Sisters. The foundation of that success is a unique convergence of the Division of Volunteer Efforts (DOVE) at Seton Hall University (SHU),

where Immaculate Conception Seminary is located, Msgr. Chapel and Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, Franklin Lakes.

As explained in its mission statement, DOVE aims to “raise the awareness of the Seton Hall University community to social justice through direct involvement in serving others. This service stems from our desire to affirm the dignity of all people and to live as Christ taught us by putting our faith into action.”

Michele Peterson, who received a master’s degree from the seminary’s School of Theology, directs DOVE. The seminary associate dean noted particularly that it was Peterson’s “great commitment to mission work that got me into the orphanage effort.” For the

last 10 years Msgr. Chapel has been weekend assistant at Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, where Most Rev. John W. Flesey, S.T.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, is the pastor.

Six years ago, when DOVE planned its first trip to El Salvador, Msgr. Chapel, who speaks Spanish, was asked to go as chaplain. He is impressed with and appreciative of what the DOVE students do. The experience, he explained, “has changed lives and careers.” As an example he recalled a DOVE student who had been a business major and is now finishing medical school instead. He said such trips have a “positive effect” on the young people. “Most basically they realize how blessed they are in their lives.” He characterized it as “face-to-face Christian encounters with the mystery of suffering.”

San Miguel is the Central American nation’s third-largest city. The orphanage, founded “on a shoe string” in 1971, had suffered



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Hernan (left), a resident of the El Salvador orphanage, is pictured with Msgr. Joseph Chapel, whom he always seeks out for long conversations and advice each time the monsignor visits.

from chronic lack of maintenance, Msgr. Chapel said. Today the population varies from 70 to 85 residents in ages ranging from infancy through late teens. Because of the

very problems that brought them to the orphanage, Msgr. Chapel noted, some don’t finish high school until their early 20s.

A stark reality is the financial challenges faced by the Aldea Infante San Antonio. Donations are the principal source of support. A primary reason for that, Msgr. Chapel explained, is the government only subsidizes the first 25 orphans, in amounts he characterized as “a pittance.”

In fact, he added, many of those living there are not orphans in the strict sense of the word. Some have been removed from their families because of abusive situations. Others are simply given up because the parents cannot care for them.

On earlier trips to El Salvador, DOVE students identified and raised funds for specific needs that have included repairs to a bus and the purchase of a second one as well as a psychology center named in gratitude for Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Most Blessed Sacrament Parish became involved initially when Msgr. Chapel asked to make an appeal for funds to assist the orphans in pursuing a college education. He spoke with the Franciscan Sisters and “they loved the idea.” The college phase has resulted in the first group of orphans now completing the third of a five year program of higher education.

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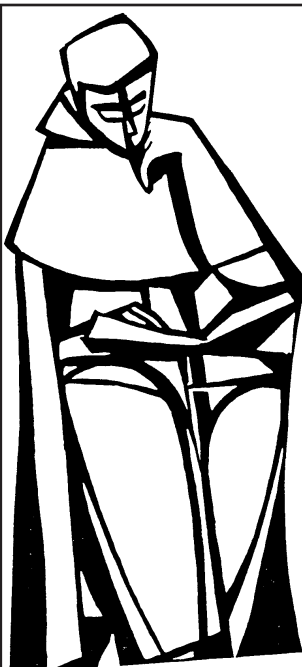


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Kathryn M. Grosso, who along with her husband Emil, serve on the fund's board of directors as secretary and president respectively, commented on her most recent trip to the orphanage. "I can't help but be moved by the outpouring of affection from the children who reside there as well as the selfless dedication of the sisters who run the orphanage," she said. "The unbelievable generosity of our parishioners in response to the joyful hope of these abandoned and orphaned children also continues to inspire me. In essence our parish has joined hands with the children and sisters living at the orphanage as together we share our gifts, our prayers and our faith."

A pivotal moment came in 2007 when the Sisters learned that a \$70,000 grant from the Japanese government had been earmarked for the orphanage. But, Msgr. Chapel explained, in the interim the costs rose well beyond that figure and Japanese officials said they would not award the grant unless the difference could be made up. It was through an appeal to Blessed Sacrament parishioners that the fiscal gap was addressed.



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Msgr. Chapel vividly recalls that after the appeal had been made during Mass, a parishioner came up to him and asked how much was needed and a substantial donation was made anonymously. The entire parish, he stressed, has been generous over the years. Asked about his own spiritual reward from the effort, Msgr. Chapel said he gains "satisfaction in doing the Lord's work."

Since that initial appeal much has been accomplished through

continued generosity. Seven duplex dormitories were built, the water system was upgraded, the convent renovated, the church repaired, the community building roof was replaced and funds for medical and education expenses were provided. This past spring saw the digging of an onsite deep well. The orphanage has also been a grateful recipient of 20 used computers donated by SHU. Next on the agenda is construction of a clinic and pharmacy storage facility.

Dan Ferrari, a parishioner of

Most Blessed Sacrament and singer/songwriter on staff as "Evangelizer Through Song" at Saint Paul Inside the Walls—the Catholic Center for Evangelization in Madison—took the most recent trip to El Salvador. "It was such an amazing experience for me mainly because of the friendships we developed almost instantaneously with the children," he said. "They were so open and loving and welcomed us with such energy and enthusiasm. They made me feel like a celebrity the

way they would run to me in the morning or crowd around me when I would play guitar and sing for them. Christ is so very present in the Aldea community with the children and the nuns it was like we were visiting Him."

Thomas Russomano is the assistant director of DOVE, which is based on the SHU campus in Boland Hall. Contact the group by phone at (973) 761-9702 or e-mail (divisionofvolunteerefforts@shu.edu) for more information on outreach programs.

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## Fr. Bico relied on devotion to the Eucharist

BY MSGR. FRANCIS R. SEYMOUR  
Special to The Catholic Advocate

When cardinals and bishops die, their brothers in the episcopate travel in great numbers and distances to attend their funerals. Likewise, thousands of people usually come to their wakes and funerals. It is the rare priest whose funeral would attract such distinguished and numerous mourners.

However, such a rare priest was one of our own archdiocesan priests, Father Antonio Inacio Bico. He was never the subject of newspaper headlines or the evening news. He never held a position that would command extensive media publicity. And yet, the Most Rev. Edwin F. O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, saw fit

to come here for his funeral. (He was the rector of the North American College in Rome when Fr. Bico was a student there.) Bishop Larry Silva of Honolulu not only travelled here from Hawaii, but he also gave the homily at his funeral. (Bishop Silva and he were long-time friends.)

In addition, thousands of people attended his three wakes and his funeral Mass. In listing the funeral arrangements in his obituary, the newspaper said his interment would be private. Somehow that word got lost. Over 100 cars were in the procession from Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, to his burial in Saint Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Several hundred people and priests were present at his grave as the final

prayers were recited for him.

Fr. Bico died Sept. 22. A Funeral Mass was celebrated by Archbishop John J. Myers at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Elizabeth, on Sept. 27.

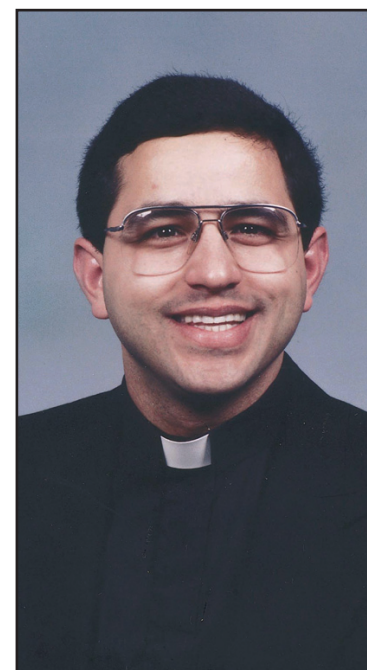
Who was Fr. Bico? How did he attract such spectacular attention at his death? He did it by devoting himself totally and unreservedly to all the people he met in his short years of priestly ministry. Time, distance, and pressure meant nothing to him if he could help someone who needed his assistance. He was fluent in several languages but one word he never learned in any of them was "No."

Fr. Tony was particularly attentive to the people of his native land, Portugal. For some time he was assigned to the parishes of Our Lady of Fatima in Elizabeth and Newark. No matter of their concern was too small or too big to get him interested. Long after he departed from those areas to fulfill his role as a seminary professor, he never lost touch with the people he

left behind. This was evident in the people who came to his wakes at the Seton Hall University Chapel and the Newark and Elizabeth parishes of Our Lady of Fatima. All ages and all types of people came in heartfelt sorrow to shed their tears at the death of this 43-year-old priest.

As they showed their grief at his body clad in Mass vestments, they moved on to express their sympathy to Fr. Bico's parents, his brother and sister, and many of his other relatives. True to his spirit, his family managed to give comfort to the ones who came to them in such amazing numbers. His family stood for hours on end as the mourners approached them. I asked his mother how she could hold up under these very trying conditions. She replied very simply, "I am strong."

Fr. Tony surely derived a good deal of his strength from his mother and the unfailing support he received in great abundance from all the members of his family. Even



Fr. Antonio Bico

more, he relied on his great devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

It was the Eucharist that gave him what he needed to confront an illness he coped with since his birth. He told one very close friend, "I wish I knew what it was like to be without pain." That pain was completely covered up to the outside world with a smile that never seemed to leave his face.

Maybe Fr. Bico knew he would not have a very long life. Maybe this is why he crammed so much priestly activity into the 17 years he had as a priest. Maybe we can all learn a lesson from this young priest on how to handle the crises in our lives. We can and we will if we learn to love the Eucharist and one another. Fr. Tony showed us how. Let's show him that we can do it too.

(Editor's note, Rev. Msgr. Francis R. Seymour is the book editor of the Archdiocese of Newark's annual Directory & Almanac.)

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**October 15**  
ST. JOSEPH PARISH, WEST MILFORD, weekend retreat for separated or divorced, by Franciscan retreat team, Newton, through Oct. 17, call Father Tom Kelly, O.F.M. or Deacon Milt at (973) 271-5097.

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, Maywood, beefsteak dinner, 6:30 p.m., cost: \$36, (201) 845-9566.

**October 16**  
LUMEN CENTER, Caldwell, "Reverencing Life Changes and Limits," 9:30 a.m. - noon, (973) 403-3331 ext. 25.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, Nutley, Respect Life Mass, 8:45 a.m., (973) 667-0026.

**October 17**  
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, Maywood, Rosary Society Communion Breakfast, at Biagio's Restaurant, Paramus, following 8 a.m. Mass, cost: \$20, call Eleanor Sherman at (201) 845-8369 or Marianne Tracey at (201) 845-9566.

QUEEN OF PEACE HIGH SCHOOL, North Arlington, open house, 11 a.m., also Nov. 1 at 7 p.m., (201) 998-8227 ext. 30.

ST. STEPHEN PARISH, KEARNY, Rosary Altar Society Communion Breakfast, at Archdiocesan Youth Center, Mass at 10 a.m., breakfast at 11 a.m., cost: \$16, call Anne McDonnell at (201) 997-2840.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, Oradell, Alumni Mother's Club Craft Show, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., cost: \$2 for adults/ \$1 for seniors, call Sandy Pichetto at (201) 384-6676.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH, Montclair, "Christianity and Evolution: Meeting Jesus in Jurassic Park," also Oct. 24 and 31, 9:45 a.m., (973) 744-5650.



**October 18**  
OFFICE OF HUMAN CONCERNS, Archdiocese of Newark, regional social concerns meeting, Archdiocesan Center, 7:30 p.m., (973) 497-4341 or e-mail grafftim@rcan.org.

**October 19**  
XAVIER RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER, Convent Station, "The Changing Face of the Church in the US: Current Changes and Hopes," 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., cost: \$25, (973) 290-5100 or e-mail xaviercenter@scnj.org.

**Cusack Care plans to host gala luncheon**  
JERSEY CITY—Cusack Care Center will hold its seventh annual "Generations Luncheon" on Sunday, Oct. 24, noon to 3 p.m. at Casino in the Park, 1 Lincoln Park. Call Susan Sims, director of development, at 201-653-8300, ext 2161, to reserve tickets.

Cusack Care will recognize the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Peace, whose congregation has served the center since its founding in 1891. The event will honor those who currently are part of the center's family: Sisters Teresa Catherine Carberry, Cabrini Delaney, Lillian O'Neill and Ann Marie Taylor (all C.S.J.P.), as well as Jack Berg of United Dietary, whose family owned company has provided food services for Cusack residents for over 30 years.

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**October 20**  
HOLY NAME MEDICAL CENTER, Teaneck, "Key to the Cure" kick-off celebration, 6:30 p.m., charity shopping weekend benefiting women's charities, through Oct. 24, (201) 227-6047.

STS. PETER AND PAUL PARISH, Hoboken, Moms' Group, four-part series focusing on motherhood, also Oct. 27, Nov. 3 and 10, 10 a.m., e-mail avmorgan88@yahoo.com.

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY, South Orange, "History of the Irish in the Archdiocese of Newark," presented by Msgr. Robert J. Wister, part of the Irish Discussion Series, 7:30 p.m., e-mail maura.harrington@shu.edu.

**October 21**  
THE PASSIONIST MISSIONARIES, Union City, golf classic, at Meadows Golf Club, Lincoln Park, 9 a.m., (888) 806-6606 ext. 7017.

**October 22**  
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PARISH, Maywood, tricky tray, 6 p.m., cost: \$10 for pre-sale tickets, \$12 at the door; call Monica Michel at (201) 315-0553.


**October 23**  
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, Hillsdale, Mass of Anointing, (201) 664-3131.

SAINT DOMINIC ACADEMY, Jersey City, fall CSI workshop, 9 a.m. - noon, cost: \$200 for five workshops, call Lori Palmieri at (201) 434-5938.

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT FRIARY, Newark, Men's Day Retreat, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., RSVP by Oct. 15, (973) 622-6622.

**October 24**  
CAPP - Newark, Autumn Mass and Communion Breakfast, Mass celebrated by Bishop John W. Flesey, 8:45 a.m., (732) 794-7740 or (201) 599-2123.

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**STEPPING OFF**—Most Rev. Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V. (left), Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, gives praise to God for the early morning sunshine and the large gathering of enthusiastic joggers on Oct. 3 in Branch Brook Park, Newark, for a “Soles for Faith 5K Run.” Organized by the Soles for Faith Catholic Running Team, part of the Outreach to Inactive Catholics Committee of the archdiocesan Office of Evangelization, proceeds will benefit both the archdiocese’s Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children and the Office of Evangelization. Bishop da Cunha, an avid runner who took part in the event, is the Vicar for Evangelization. The event also included a 3K walk and “fun dashes” for youngsters. Contact the Office for Evangelization by phone (973) 497-4353 or e-mail (sotolili@rcan.org), or visit the Web site (www.solesforfaith.org) for more information on future events. Liliana Soto-Cabrera is the archdiocesan coordinator for evangelization.

## Bishop Flesey to preside at Mass for CAPP

NEWARK—Centesimus Annus Pro Pontifice (CAPP) will hold its autumn Mass and Communion Breakfast on Sunday, Oct. 24. Most Rev. John W. Flesey, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark, will celebrate Mass at 8:45 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. The breakfast and meeting

will follow in the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Ave.

Robert A. Nalewajek, president of CAPP-USA, will deliver presentation titled “What Transforms a Human Being: The Beautiful Message of Catholic Social Teaching.” For more information call (732) 794-7740 or (201) 599-2123.

CAPP is the national affiliate of Fondazione Centesimus Annus—Pro Pontifice, established by Pope John Paul II on June 5, 1993. The organization, is headquartered in Vatican City.

The group serves as a vehicle for lay education and evangelization of Catholic social doctrine,

as contained in the encyclical *Centesimus Annus* (“hundredth year”), which was written by Pope John Paul II in 1991, on the 100th anniversary of *Rerum Novarum* (“of new things”), an encyclical on social justice issued by Pope Leo XIII on May 15, 1891.



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**TALMUDIC LIBRARY**—The Kars4Kids Literacy Program, which brings educational resources to children and students in need, donated a full Talmudic library to Seton Hall University (SHU), South Orange, on Sept 13. Clifford Meth, right, spokesman for Kars4Kids, which is based in Lakewood, presented a plaque commemorating the donation to university archivist/associate professor, Alan Delozier, left. The Talmud, explained Meth, is the most essential source of information for the Jewish religion and is the foundation of Jewish law. Father Lawrence Frizzell, the director of the Institute of Judeo-Christian Studies at SHU, and a columnist for The Catholic Advocate, coordinated the event.

## ‘Dialogue’ forum to host interactive chat on issues

CLARK—An “Evening of Legislative Dialogue,” slated for Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at Mother Seton Regional High School, 1 Valley Rd., will provide an opportunity for faithful citizens of the Catholic community.

Father Timothy Graff, director of the archdiocesan Office of Human Concerns, said the event will foster dialogue on key social and political issues between politicians and their Catholic constituents, as well as other people of faith.

“The event will communicate what is important within the Catholic Church and helps define our opinions. It is a way to show legislators the (political) strength of Catholics,” Fr. Graff said.

The NJ Network of Catholic School Families will present its

view on the Opportunity Scholarship Act (S-1872/A-2810) to lawmakers. The pending legislation would help public school districts in the state improve failing schools.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Hosted by Archbishop John J. Myers, the forum will feature state representatives addressing issues such as education, healthcare and social justice. Lawmakers will interact with attendees in a town-hall style meeting format.

Sign-language interpreters will attend and there will be simultaneous translation available for Spanish language speakers.

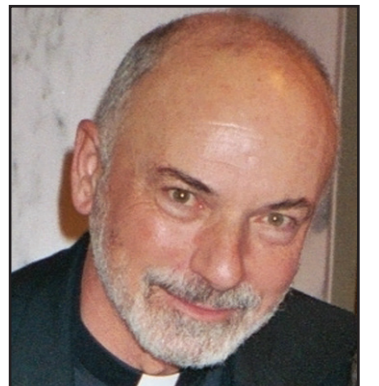
For more information, call Mary McElroy at (973) 467-9396 or Marissa Acosta at (973) 497-4013, director of the NJ Network of Catholic School Families.

## Fr. Corapi to speak at fund-raiser in Newark

NEWARK—The Domestic Church Media (DCM) Foundation, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) Catholic lay organization, is hosting a one-day conference at the Prudential Center, 165 Mulberry St., 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, featuring world-renowned Catholic preacher, Father John Corapi, S.O.L.T.

The Archdiocese of Newark granted DCM permission to hold the Oct. 30 event. Tickets are priced at \$30 to \$65. Visit (www.DomesticChurchMedia.org) or call (609) 882-9357 for reservations.

“Spiritual Warfare,” one of Fr. Corapi’s most powerful and popular topics, is the theme for the conference, which will serve as a fund-raising event for DCM to bring Catholic radio stations to the tri-state metropolitan region. DCM owns and operates WFJS 1260 AM in Trenton (New Jersey’s first and only Catholic station), and is hoping to launch its second station, WSFS 89.3 FM in Freehold. Proceeds from the event will assist in launching the Freehold station.



Fr. John Corapi

Jim Manfredonia, president and chief executive officer of DCM, said the radio stations are needed as the tri-state area is grossly underserved by the media. “Catholic radio in this area is not an option, it is an obligation,” he said. “We (Catholics) have been commissioned by the Second Vatican Council to use the means of modern communications to evangelize and this is our goal and mission at DCM.”

Fr. Corapi came to the priesthood in 1991 at age 44. Since his ordination he has traveled over 2 million miles preaching the Gospel. The thrust of his ministry is that the Good News is a message of truth, goodness, love, mercy and hope. Prior to his ordination, the stops on his life journey have included working as successful businessman in Las Vegas and Hollywood to being drug addicted and homeless.





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